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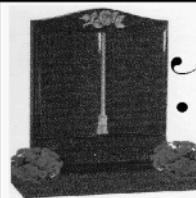
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SEPTEMBER Diary



Tues 3rd	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Webheath Village Hall
Wed 11th	10am -	"Drop in" Outing	From Square
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	W.I. with "Bring & Buy"	Village Hall Back Room
Sat 14th	2.30pm	Flower Show	Village Hall
Sat/Sun 14th/15th	10am - 4pm	Explore our Church	Parish Church
Thurs 19th		Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Back Room
Thurs 25th	10.30am - noon	"Drop in" for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Sat 28th	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall

Front Cover

A Summer Afternoon in Feckenham. A reminder of the Festival of Churches event, where here you are invited to "Explore our Church" over the weekend of 14th & 15th Sept. (see p6)
Photo by Ian Bellion

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Priest-in-Charge: Rev Wyn Beynon

Churchwarden: Ann Matthews 01527 892180 **Church website:** www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk

•• **Email:** info@feckenhamchurch.org.uk

Parish Office: Telephone: 01905 778181 Email: bowbrookgroup1@gmail.com

Mon. Closed: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10am-1pm & 2-5pm: Fri. Closed

at - *The Bowbrook Group, The Parish Office, St Andrew's Street, DROITWICH, WR9 8DY*

Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 1st Trinity 14	11-00am Sung Eucharist Proverbs 25 : vs. 6-7 Hebrews 13 : vs. 1-8,15-16 Intercessions	AlistairMcnaughton Angela Fletcher Ian Hunter
Sunday 8th Trinity 15	8-00am Holy Communion Galatians 6 : vs. 11-18	Peter Horsley
	11-00am Family Service "Reflections of 12 months, All Age Worship Now Moving On"	
Sunday 15th Trinity 16	6-30pm Evensong Exodus 32 : vs. 7-14 Luke 15 : vs. 1-10 Intercessions	Oliver White Carol Price Erica Dilger
Sunday 22nd Trinity 17	11-00am Family Communion 1 Timothy 2 : vs. 1-7 Intercessions	Alison Crellin Cyril Warrilow
Sunday 29th Trinity 18	10.30 am BOWBROOK GROUP SERVICE - Tibberton	

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 1st September. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Partners in Prayer

Ecumenical lay led service of prayer for the community, Wednesdays at 9.15am for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

St John Fisher & St. Thomas More

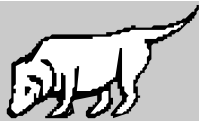


Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

Local contact—Phyllis Mott, Feckenham. Tel. 01527 893898

Newshound



Found A sum of money was recently found in the High Street. • if it belongs to you, please phone Geoff on 01527892140

New Grandson

Mike and Pam Timmins of Saltway Cottage are happy to announce the arrival of their 3rd Grandson, Jacob Michael Crowley. Jacob was born on Wednesday 24th July to their youngest daughter • Zoe and Geoff in Bury St Edmunds, just missing Mike's birthday on the 25th !
Jacob weighed in at 6lb 14oz, and Mum & Son are doing great.

Help Needed

Could you please check you're sheds or outbuildings for my cat Charlie he is mainly White with Black markings, Charlie has been missing since Tuesday evening the 6th August and he is usually a very shy/nervous cat that does not leave the house & garden or stay out for any length of time.

If you have any information good or bad or sightings of Charlie please could you let me or Simon know as we are worried sick about him as we have had him for 14 years & he is a very much loved & missed member of our family.

Many thanks & Best wishes

Claire 01527 892051

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Obituary



Fred Moreton Wilkes 1926 – 2013

Fred was born on 11th July 1926, the fourth child of John Moreton Wilkes and Elsie Sarah. From a very early age Fred knew he wanted to be a farmer, having spent many happy school holidays on relatives farms in Warwickshire,

When the time came to start work he found employment at Stoke Court Farm, Stoke Prior. His mother was not happy about this, she said they would never be able to set him up in a farm, and it was only for sons of farmers! However she was not prepared for the determination of her youngest son. Fred worked at Stoke Court as head cowman until the age of 25 when along came Mary to also work on the farm, they soon decided they wanted a future together, and at that time Moat Farm, Berrow Hill came on the market and they managed to scrape together the princely sum of £5,000 which was a lot in 1952, local farmers thought the farm very dear!!

Fred built a cowshed and eventually a herd was built up, pigs were kept and the piglets sold as weaners, and one house pig kept and killed and salted for bacon very fat!! Hens were also kept, some reared and sold as pullets and later on a deep-litter pen was built and hens kept for egg production.

In addition to running the farm Fred undertook various building projects in the area. Many small cow-sheds etc. Aged 64 Fred decided to give up milking. He and Mary took a long awaited holiday to visit school friends of Mary's who had emigrated to New Zealand, calling at Hong Kong and Australia en route. Later holidays were spent nearer home. Germany, Norway and Shetland to visit daughter Janet. And lots of short breaks were enjoyed in this country.

A wonderful happy productive life, I like to think so!! Mary

Give my love to Feckenham

Recently John and I went to Houghton Hall in Norfolk, which is magnificent, especially as almost all the original pictures bought by Robert Walpole are back on loan for a temporary exhibition, and while we were having lunch in the Stables café there we had the most extraordinary encounter. A pleasant looking couple came and sat at our table, who it turned out had come from Saffron Walden and in our turn we said we were from Feckenham and started to explain where it is, as one usually has to.

"We were married in Feckenham," Margaret Collingwood said, "and I stayed with my grandfather, whose surname was Johnson and lived at Chesterfield House, as his refugee during the war and afterwards." (Her maiden name was Brown) I gather that her grandfather farmed extensively in the area, with his operations centred on Grove Farm, and was a major employer. Jeremy Collingwood lived with his parents at Redmays, the Motts' House, and his father, John Collingwood, was Chairman of the Wake Committee and for a short time on the PCC, possibly as Church Warden. Jeremy was very pleased to hear that the Wake was still going strong.

They got married in 1961 and left for Kenya and have only been back to Feckenham in the year of their Golden Wedding, when I am afraid they did not take to the alterations in the church or changes at Grove Farm, but I think this is normal when one re-visits somewhere where one spent part of one's childhood. I certainly felt much the same when I re-visited Broadwell, the village where I spent most of the war.

But nevertheless Margaret's feelings about the village are still good as her final words were "Give my love to Feckenham"

Antonia

Festival of Churches 14th & 15th September

As part of the national Heritage Open Days on the weekend of the 14th and 15th September 2013, the churches in the counties of Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire are holding a Festival of Churches Weekend. This also coincides with the Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust's annual sponsored Ride & Stride event.

All parish churches have been encouraged to open their doors and to stage an event, large or small, of any kind. The aim of the weekend is to raise money for the work of the Historic Churches Trusts and the parish church.

At St John the Baptist Feckenham the Church will be open as usual and we are inviting everyone to 'Explore your Church'. There will be displays explaining some of the unique features of the building and how it has evolved over the centuries.

Featuring:

Evidence of possible Celtic origins
John de Feckenham, Last Abbott of Westminster

The Arms of King George 1st
The Feckenham Enclosure Award
Recent archaeological finds in the churchyard

Refreshments will be served 10am - 4 pm.

Information about other churches taking part can be found on the Festival website
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Coming Up -

Sunday, 6 October, 2013 from 7-9.30 pm
Feckenham Village Hall

Simply Supper and a Song

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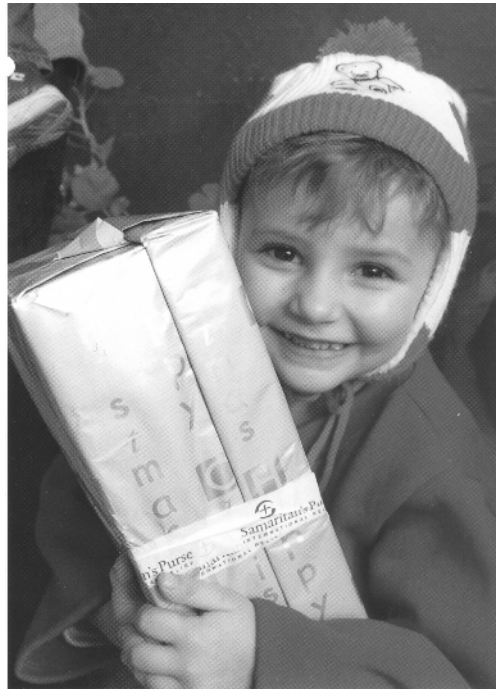
All you need to do is wrap an empty shoebox in Christmas paper, and fill it with gifts. The boxes are then collected and distributed to disadvantaged children throughout the world.

All it takes is a little thought, a little time and a little money, but your gift filled shoeboxes will mean so very much to some of the world's neediest children, as they will most probably be the only Christmas presents that they receive.

I thought, that you might be interested to know, that in the past 8 years Feckenham with the help of Feckenham First School has sent 1286 boxes. I cannot find details of my nursery years, they are stored in the loft somewhere ! But I would say that we have most probably sent over 2000 boxes to date, plus hundreds of knitted hats, gloves, jumpers, blankets etc., Isn't it wonderful to know that so many children have benefited from your kindness and generosity!

Leaflets with all the information you will need and knitting patterns are available in Church. If you prefer to help in other ways, any small gifts that will fit into a shoebox will be gratefully received. As ever hand knits are always desperately needed. There is a box in Church for your donations.

Please have your boxes ready and take them to Feckenham Church by Saturday 9th November. Proceeds from Wake Day totalled £171-10p, this will be passed on to our area co-ordinator when the boxes are collected.



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| 4th | Gardening Club
Bugs & Weeds
7.30pm - Bradley Village Hall |
| 8th | Walking Club
Meet at Bradley Church - 10am |
| 11th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
The Bird in Hand |
| 25th | Drop In
Drop in for a Coffee and a Chat
10 am - 12noon
Bradley Green Village Hall |

For more information see
STOCK & BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

The Shop is very grateful for the level of support it receives from the young people from in and around the village, and not just buying large quantities of sweets. We have a number who have volunteered to help. Some, in response to need to do voluntary work as part of the excellent Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. However, we find that a number stay on afterwards, because they enjoy it, and it gives them a number of skills that are likely to make them more employable – even if its getting a holiday or evening job. We know the likes of Morrisons and Waitrose look very positively on people who have shown initiative, not least as the role is voluntary. It shows a level of commitment and self organisation, and we are pleased to offer references for anyone that has worked with us. So, if that's something that you think would help you as a young person, then get in touch. There are a variety of roles – not just working on the counters, but also supporting the website and Facebook.

Do you have a favourite recipe? Grandma's great apple crumble, a jam sensation or a sensational starter. We'd like to hear about it. We have an idea to collect Feckenham's favourite recipes and publish them – on the website and in hard copy. Let us have your ideas either drop them in at the shop or e-mail us info@feckenhamshop.co.uk .

The last of the summer gives us one more month for the **cream tea special offer**, so here's hoping for some late sun. The tables and sun parasol will be out for a bit longer yet. We look forward to serving you.

It is also the shop **AGM on 26th September** and will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We have Chris Broad of Saltway Honey, attending. This AGM marks our Chair, John Calvert's last as he has decided to stand down, after 5 years in the role. We would like to thank John for the tireless work he has put in, helping take the shop from an idea to a successful reality, including two National Awards.

Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

My mother kept the front room clean, neat and tidy and totally out of bounds. Did you grow up with a front room like that? Countless millions of us did. That room had a comfortable sofa and chairs, a sideboard which contained the best china, a nice carpet and cushions arranged with care and precision. And God help you if you went in there without permission.

We sat there on Sunday afternoon for tea and Christmas Day. At that was all. One day, about 1969, my mother said, out loud, "O blow it, what are we keeping that room like that for? Let's enjoy it and use it." And we did. The 3 piece suite, many years old but in pristine condition, was finally given some wear. The fire was lit regularly, the coffee table had cups and saucers on it (sometimes even the best china!) and I noticed my mother relax and start to enjoy what she'd got instead of constantly making sure the door was shut to stop the cat from leaving hair on the fabric.

Many of us have a front room inside our heads. It is where we go when we meet people or situations that make us feel uncomfortable. In the front room inside our heads are all the things we hold precious. Our ideas about life. (The best cushions on the settee) Our moral principles (there on the mantelpiece) •Our assumptions and prejudices. (They're the best china - no one touches those!)

Before my mother liberated it our front room was airless, dull and lifeless.

When did you last go into your front room to give it an airing? Are our ideas about life just defence mechanisms?. Are our moral principles worth the bother? And are our assumptions and prejudices just cover-ups for selfishness, like antimacassars on the chairs?

Jesus had a front room in his head. We all do. But he was always inviting other people in. My mum was much happier when she did that . Maybe we would be too!

Best wishes,

Wyn

WHAT'S ON IN FECKENHAM



Stock & Bradley GARDENING CLUB

BUGS AND WEEDS
of Worcestershire - with Gary Farmer
Wednesday, 4th September
Bradley Village Hall

Feckenham Flower Show

Saturday, 14th September

2.30pm - Feckenham Village Hall

Displays of Flowers and Produce

Teas - sale of produce.

Exhibitors - staging from 10am



Feckenham Readers Group



Tuesday, 10th September - 7.45

This month's book:

THE INDUSTRY OF SOULS - by Martin Booth
Details from Marion Chate - 892285

Church of St John the Baptist

As part of the national Heritage Open Days the churches in the counties of Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire are holding a Festival of Churches Weekend.

Explore your Church

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September
10 am to 4 pm

With displays explaining some of the unique features of the building and how it has evolved over the centuries including its possible Celtic origins.
Teas will be served throughout the day.

Feckenham Forest History Society SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

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Tuesday, 10th September - 7.30pm
Webheath Village Hall

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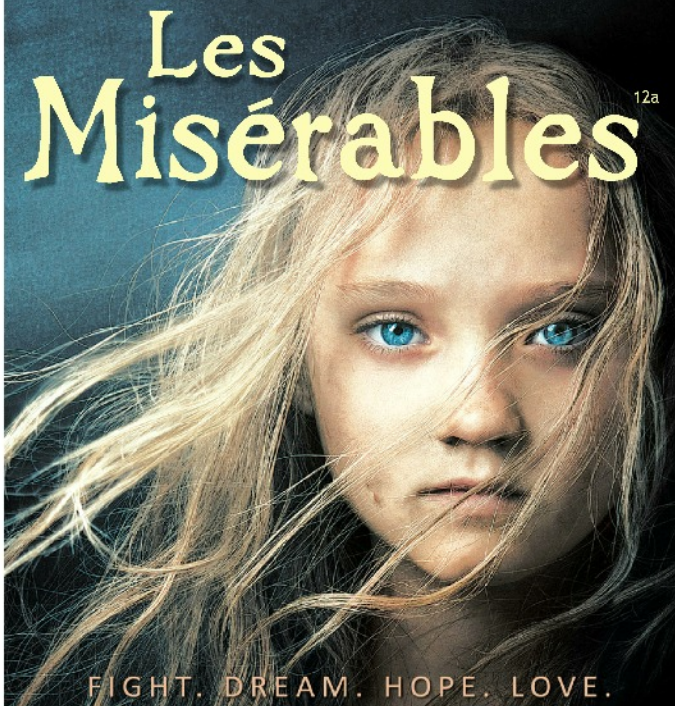
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Course requirements: a sense of humour and a bit of French. Course starts on 10th Septembre.

Please contact:

Vicki Nicod tel. 01527 - 892459

ou

Phyllis Mott tel. 01527 - 893898.

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ON FECKENHAM
2013

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Feckenham Flower Show - list of classes

September 14th



VEGETABLES

1	RUNNER BEANS	(6 pods)
2	FRENCH BEANS	(6 pods)
3	BEET (long or globe)	(3)
4	CABBAGE (white)	(1)
5	CARROTS (short/intermediate, trimmed)	(4)
6	CUCUMBER (indoor or outdoor)	(1)
7	TOMATOES	(5)
8	ONIONS (heaviest combined wt)	(4)
9	ONIONS (dressed)	(4)
10	PARSNIPS (trimmed)	(3)
11	LETTUCE	(2)
12	MARROW	(2)
13	MARROW (heaviest)	(1)
14	COURGETTES	(3)
15	POTATOES	(5)
16	PUMPKIN (best)	(1)
17	SHALLOTS	(9)
18	LEEKS (trimmed)	(4)
19	SWEETCORN	(2)
20	VEGETABLES (best display of any 4 types)	

FRUIT

21	PLUMS	(5)
22	DAMSONS	(10)
23	RASPBERRIES	(15)
24	APPLES (culinary)	(5)
25	APPLES (dessert)	(5)
26	PEARS	(5)
27	BLACKBERRIES	(15)
28	A VARIETY OF WILD FRUIT (on a 7" plate)	
29	UNUSUAL FRUIT or VEGETABLE (any No.)	
30	OTHER FRUITS or VEGETABLES (any No.)	

FLOWERS

31	CHRYSANTHEMUMS	(3)
32	DAHLIAS (Cactus, any size)	(3)
33	DAHLIAS (Decorative fully double)	(3)
34	DAHLIAS (other than Class 32/33)	(3)
35	ROSE	(1)
36	ROSES (1 of each of 3 varieties)	(3)
37	ASTERS	(3)
38	SWEET PEAS	(6)
39	GLADIOLI (any colour)	(3 spikes)
40	PINKS	(6)
41	CARNATIONS	(6)
42	PANSIES (growing in a pot)	(1 pot)

43	GERANIUMS (growing in a pot)	(1 pot)
44	FLOWERS (any other single variety)	(3)

MISCELLANEOUS FLOWER CLASSES

45	POSY (ready for presentation)	(1)
46	BUTTONHOLE (spray)	(1)
47	POT PLANT (in flower)	(1)
48	POT PLANT (foliage effect, no flower)	(1)
49	POT PLANT (cactus or succulent)	(1)
50	ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS (in any container)	(1)
51	ARRANGEMENT OF FRUIT AND FOLIAGE (in any container)	(1)
52	ARRANGEMENT OF EXOTIC FLOWERS (in any container)	(1)
53	ARRANGEMENT OF WILD AUTUMN BERRIES	(1)
54	HERBS (display of 6 varieties, labelled)	(1)
55	ARRANGEMENT (1 fruit or vegetable, and 1 flower)	(1)

DOMESTIC CLASSES

56	JAM (soft fruit)	(1 jar)
57	JAM (stoned fruit)	(1 jar)
58	JELLY PRESERVE	(1 jar)
59	MARMALADE	(1 jar)
60	LEMON CURD	(1 jar)
61	PICKLES (any variety)	(1 jar)
62	CHUTNEY (any variety)	(1 jar)
63	DIP (any type)	(1 jar)
64	FRUIT CAKE (rich)	(1)
65	FRUIT CAKE (plain)	(1)
66	MADEIRA CAKE	(1)
67	VICTORIA SPONGE	(1)
68	DECORATED CAKE	(1)
69	SMALL CAKES	(6)
70	SMALL TARTS	(6)
71	FRUIT PIE (min. 7"/178mm diameter)	(1)
72	PIZZA	(1)
73	SCONES (fruit)	(6)
74	SCONES (plain)	(6)
75	Home made BREAD (fancy loaf)	(1)
76	Home made BREAD (machine made)	(1)
77	Home made COUNTRY WINE (red)	(1 bottle)
78	Home made COUNTRY WINE (rose)	(1 bottle)
79	Home made COUNTRY WINE (white)	(1 bottle)
80	Home made BEER	(1 bottle)
81	EGGS (white)	(6)
82	EGGS (brown)	(6)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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|----|---|---------|---|
| 83 | BUTTONHOLE (under 5 years) (1 flower) | 99 | SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (under 5 years) |
| 84 | BUTTONHOLE (5 to under 7 years) (1 flower) | 100 | SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (5 to under 7 years) |
| 85 | BUTTONHOLE (7 to under 10 years) (1 flower) | 101 | SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (7 to under 10 years) |
| 86 | BUTTONHOLE (10 to 16 years) (1 flower) | 102 | SMALL CAKES OR TARTS (10 to 16 years) |
| 87 | MINIATURE GARDEN (under 5 years) | 103 | PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT ***
(under 5 years) |
| 88 | MINIATURE GARDEN (5 to under 7 years) | 104 | PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT ***
(5 to under 7 years) |
| 89 | MINIATURE GARDEN (7 to under 10 years) | 105 | PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT ***
(7 to under 10 years) |
| 90 | MINIATURE GARDEN (10 to 16 years) | 106 | PAINTING, DRAWING or CRAFT ***
(10 to 16 years) |
| 91 | FLOAT GARDEN (under 5 years) | *** all | on the theme 'The Four Seasons' |
| 92 | FLOAT GARDEN (5 to under 7 years) | 107 | 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES
on an A4 size sheet (under 5 years) |
| 93 | FLOAT GARDEN (7 to under 10 years) | 108 | 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES
on an A4 size sheet (5 to under 7 years) 109
6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES
on an A4 size sheet (7 to under 10 years) |
| 94 | FLOAT GARDEN (10 to 16 years) | 110 | 6 MOUNTED and NAMED TREE LEAVES
on an A4 size sheet (10 to 16 years) |
| 95 | HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT
(under 5 years) | | |
| 96 | HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT
(5 to under 7 years) | | |
| 97 | HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT
(7 to under 10 years) | | |
| 98 | HUMOROUS VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT
(10 to 16 years) | | |

RULES FOR THE FLOWER SHOW

- 1 All exhibits shall be either grown or produced by the exhibitor only.
- 2 All exhibits to be exactly as stated in the Schedule and to be staged between 10.00am and 12 noon.
- 3 No persons other than the officials will be allowed in the Hall during judging.
- 4 The Judges' decision shall be final, and they reserve the right to withhold any prize where there are no exhibits of sufficient merit.
- 5 All exhibits shall bear an exhibitors number.
- 6 All exhibits (except those in Classes 42, 43, 47-55, and 83-103) will be sold by auction.
- 7 All exhibits in classes 47, 48, and 49 must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of six months.

CASH PRIZES - Open to all Exhibitors

First (3 points) £1: Second (2 points) 50p:

A Third prize of 20p will be awarded in each of the Children's classes only.

TROPHIES

There are lots of trophies to be won, some open to all, and some restricted to villagers and children attending the schools.

The Committee wishes to thank exhibitors, and all who in any way contribute to the success of the show.

FECKENHAM FLOWER SHOW Saturday 14th September 2013

The Autumn Flower Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th September 2013, and staging of exhibits will be between 10.00am and 12 noon. Judging will then take place behind closed doors, and after calculating the results the Show will open at 2.30pm, for visitors to admire the exhibits.

A full Schedule of Classes is included in this issue of Feckenham News, along with more details of the Show. Making entries to the Show is very easy, and there are plenty of helpers available to advise first-time exhibitors. The more exhibits there are, the more interesting the Show, and whilst not everyone can be a winner, all of the exhibitors enjoy taking part in this traditional village event. Teas will be available during the afternoon, and there will be an auction of exhibits towards the end of the Show.

The FeckenOdeon Cinema Society

FECKENBONDFEST

May we remind those of you who are lucky enough to have your copy of Feckenham News delivered before the 1st of the month that The FeckenOdeon is screening **Goldfinger at 2.30pm** and **Skyfall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 31st August**. Martinis at the bar - and a special Bond themed supper available at the Rose & Crown between shows. Full details at www.fecknodeon.co.uk. Tickets from the pub and shop - or online - or by phone on 0844 8700 887



MISERABLE? INCROYABLE!

The new FeckenOdeon season, the 13th, gets into full swing with one of the most successful musicals of recent years. "**Les Misérables**" storms into Feckenham on **Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm**.

This film based on a stage show (based on a play based on a book) could so easily have been yet another glossy pop star infested flop. Thankfully the musical's original backers (Cameron Mackintosh and the Royal Shakespeare Company) curbed the excesses of Universal Pictures and gave the job of directing the film to Tom Hooper. Mr Hooper, who directed "The King's Speech", tackles this gigantic and iconic show in an individual and original way. All the dialogue is sung - which makes it more of an opera than a musical. The actors are singing actors rather than acting singers. There are many and diverse opinions

on the success or otherwise of this approach but it is certainly brave.

Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Eddie Redmayne lead a suitably vast cast through the complexities of Victor Hugo's story and through rousing choruses and heart rending solos. There are scenes of immense scale and richness alongside those of intimate desolation. It's a film that is unlikely to leave you unmoved.

The FeckenOdeon has recently further upgraded its sound system with the installation of new JBL surround sound speakers - meaning that the music of Les Miz will sound all the more magnificent.

Tickets are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online at www.fecknodeon.co.uk

JOIN AND SAVE!

Inside this copy of Feckenham News you'll find a FeckenOdeon Season Brochure. Join us for the entire season of fantastic films for only £30 - that's £3.75 per show (tickets for individual shows cost £5). In addition members get tickets to FeckenOdeon 2 for a mere £3.50. That's great value when you consider that our nearest commercial cinema charges £7.50 per show. The FeckenOdeon is equipped to the highest standards with fully digital high definition pictures and 6 channel digital surround sound. We don't have 3D largely because we think our films are good enough to be enjoyed without such gimmicks!

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Feckenham ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

LETS SCARE AGAIN....

It's that time again. The nights start to draw in and the village crows start to worry. Every year the Scarecrows come to town for one weekend only. This year it's on **12th and 13th October** - so it's time to prepare.

You're invited to get involved in an event that has no ulterior motive - no fundraising objective. This one's just for fun. As ever we're asking villagers to make the strangest, wierdest,

most amusing or most beautiful scarecrow imaginable. There are very few rules - just that the scarecrows must be visible from the street in the central part of Feckenham and be on display by 11am on 12th October. There'll be prizes and a splendid trophy for the winner and, as usual, we'll be asking our visitors to decide which one of the scary folk is the best. There'll be teas and cakes and games on The Square - more details in October's Feckenham news but **GET STUFFING NOW!** It's amazing how quickly the time goes!
NB - if you live in outlying bits of the village (where the pavements run out) you can still take part by putting your scarecrow on The Square.

Feckenham SCARECROW COMPETITION - 12th & 13th October ENTRY FORM

Name.....

Address.....

Name of Scarecrow.....

Will your scarecrow be at home..... or on The Square.....

Tick here if this entry is from someone under 12 years old

Please return this form by **9th October** to

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Square Management Committee

BLIGHTY GOOD SHOW!

The Square Management Committee's "Enid's Blighty" event on July 20th certainly caught the village's imagination. Hundred's of folk of all ages poured onto The Square on a bright and pleasant evening.

The action started with a spectacular Maypole Dance by pupils of Feckenham First School which proved, after a couple of false starts, how intricate and precise the performance has to be. The younger generation then enjoyed spirited competition in a series of egg and spoon and sack races before dispersing to enjoy the various sideshows (including "Tin Can & Catapults" and "Bung a Bog Roll"). Youngsters also enjoyed the specially created village duck pond (complete with ducks).



Adult dancers with a difference then took the floor. The Aelfgythe Border Morris are black faced lady morris men who performed with gusto - and with big sticks. The entertainment was completed by music from "The Rhythm Pirates" (formerly The O'Cajunal Playboys).

A vast amount of home cooked and delicious traditional cottage pie was served and followed up by industrial quantities of jam roly-poly with lashings of custard. The well stocked bar just about survived the onslaught but there was little left at the end of the evening.

All in all it was reckoned to be one of the most pleasant village events - a great way to spend a summer Saturday night.... and a great way to

raise some funds for the upkeep of The Square. The final count is around £1,000 - the best ever. The money is especially welcome as there are a number of expensive tree issues likely to face the Committee in the near future.

THANKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It's difficult to single out people deserving of thanks for such a large event so please forgive us if we miss someone out! Firstly the Committee is grateful to everyone who came to the event and spent so generously and to all those people who assisted with the erection and dismantling of the event - far too many to name here.

We're also most grateful to the following: Eric Harman for the donation of beef for the cottage pie.

The Horseley Family & The Horse Show for the loan of chairs, The Wake for the loan of tables. Judy Underwood, Barbara Masters, Pauline Jennings and Liz Hunter for working on food prep and serving. Brian Robson, Mike Timmins, John Pulsford and many others for manning the sideshows. Peter and Barbara Masters and Antonia Pulsford for running the raffle.

Jeanette Little, Theresa Howard, Karen Davis and the pupils of Feckenham First School for Maypole dancing, loan of race equipment and staging. Alan Smith for bringing the band (and at a price we could afford!).

The Square Management Committee Members are: Ian Ridley (who came up with the theme), Judy Hooker (who cooked the food and devised the duck pond), Dawn Southwell (who counted the money), Barry Hamilton and Tim Smith (who built everything and served the beer), Ian Bellion (who tried to co-ordinate things), Peter Masters (Raffle Master), Jeff Matthews and Rhys Williams.



Pictures by Maxine Melson

Village Hall

Ian Bellion



FORTH BRIDGE PAINTED AGAIN

The Village Hall is gleaming and pristine after its annual redecoration. All the inside walls and woodwork have been repainted or re-varnished, and everything has been cleaned and restored ready for the onslaught of autumn events. A team of volunteers gave up a good part of two weekends to achieve this transformation - it's to be hoped that the Hall's users appreciate their efforts. For the record we used 15 litres of matt emulsion and 7 litres of gloss paint and the cost is roughly £120. We are grateful to generous villagers for their contributions to this.

A LOVESONG

Alfred Hitchcock, at the height of his powers, is possessed by a dreamlike vision of a woman. From his director's chair the 60 year old Hitchcock begins to unravel some of the defining films of our time, drawing us into the imagination of one of the world's most mysterious creative minds. An intriguing evening is in prospect on **27th October** in New Perspectives Theatre Company's world premier production of **The Lovesong of Alfred J Hitchcock** by David Rudkin - the first production in the 2013-14 season of Shindig shows coming to Feckenham Village Hall. The other shows are:

23rd November - The Dr Teeth Big Band

It's transatlantic party time with Chicago's Dr Teeth - non-stop-jump-jive-rhythm-and-boogie.

9th February - The Hungry Heart

Seductive storyteller Cat Wetherill tells sexy stories from Italy.

6th April - Shooting the Moon

StrangeFace Theatre Company with the story of Georges Melies - fantasy and magic aplenty.

Tickets for all shows (plus reduced price Season Tickets) are already on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown - you can book online at

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Thursday 12 September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Back Room, Village Hall

This will be an 'open meeting' when WI member Shirley Harman will talk about her '**African Adventure**'.

There will be a Bring and Buy in aid of St Basil's charity.

We shall also be collecting toiletries (soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes etc) for Redditch NIGHTSTOP and providing an opportunity for much needed donations (tinned products – soup, meat, fish, vegetables – UHT milk, tea, coffee, cereal, rice, pasta, biscuits etc) to replenish the stock of their Food Bank.

Both St Basils and NIGHTSTOP provide valuable support for homeless youngsters in Redditch. If you are unable to come to the meeting and would like to make a donation please contact either Jane White (893281) or Gay Bligh (893321)

All are welcome to attend - £3.50 for non members.

Stock & Bradley Gardening Club

Rob Cole

Wednesday 4th September 2013

The meeting is a talk by Gary Farmer on the '**Bugs and Weeds of Worcestershire**'. Gary is a nature reserve officer for Solihull Council, and has had a lifelong interest in natural history.

The following meeting - Wednesday 2nd October 2013 is a talk by Rob Cole entitled 'Look at That', and is a light-hearted look at gardens, garden visiting, and a host of examples of the weird, beautiful, amusing, or unexpected.

The AGM will precede his talk, and will be brief.

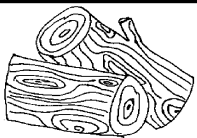
Subscriptions for the 2013/2014 year become due on 1st October, so don't forget to renew your membership at the meeting.

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Jan Bates on 01386 792414 or Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

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Sunday 8th September

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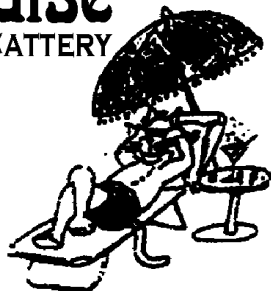
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